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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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The President The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to urge your Administration to use the Exon-Florio provisions to review the proposed sale of portions of McDonnell-Douglas to the Taiwan Aerospace Corporation. As you know, the parties have proposed selling a 40 percent stake in the commercial operations of Douglas Aircraft in exchange for an estimated \$2 billion.

I believe that this proposed deal raises grave questions about the future of our commercial aviation industry. Additionally, the potential for technology transfer could prove damaging to our national security.

In an era when many American industries find themselves disadvantaged vis-a-vis foreign competitors, commercial aviation remains one of the true bright spots in the American economy. Despite an increasing threat from subsidized competitors in Europe and elsewhere, the United States commercial aircraft industry remains the world leader.

I believe we should carefully examine the wisdom of transferring technology to a firm which is partially owned by a foreign government. Some estimates state that as many as 40,000 aerospace jobs may ultimately be moved offshore, when suppliers and subcontractors are considered. Press reports have indicated that as much as 70 percent of airframe work for the MD-12 jet may be done overseas, if the deal is completed. The President Page Two February 3, 1992

Congress passed the Exon-Florio language precisely for situations such as the McDonnell-Douglas-Taiwan Aerospace sale. I believe it is imperative that your Administration exercise this tool. The proposed McDonnell-Douglas sale deserves careful scrutiny from your Administration. For reasons of domestic employment, technology transfer, preservation of our industrial base, and national security, I urge you to insist on a full and complete review of this transaction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, unitan Randy / Duke // Cunningham

Member of Congress

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